

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish



July 9, 2023

Belfast ~ Camden ~ Rockland ~ Islesboro ~ North Haven
~ Vinalhaven ~ St. Dismas Catholic Community (Maine State Prison)



**"COME TO ME, ALL
YOU WHO LABOR
AND ARE
BURDENED."
—MT 11:28**

14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Mass Schedule

(For weekend live stream schedule see p.2)

SATURDAY

4:00pm Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

4:00pm St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

6:00pm St. Bernard, Rockland

SUNDAY

8:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

8:30am St. Francis of Assisi, Belfast

11:00am Our Lady of Good Hope, Camden

11:00am St. Bernard, Rockland

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Half hour before weekend Masses
or by appointment, call 236-4785.

Plus, priests are available during
scheduled Adoration times on Monday,
Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Adoration & Mass During the Week

MONDAY LIVE STREAM from

Our Lady of Good Hope:

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

TUESDAY:

8:00am Mass at St. Bernard

WEDNESDAY

—8:00am Mass at Our Lady
of Good Hope, Camden

—At St. Francis of Assisi in Belfast,
Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

THURSDAY LIVE STREAM from St. Bernard

Adoration 5:30pm, Mass 6:30pm

FRIDAY LIVE STREAM Mass 8am from St. Francis



Church Doors are open
in all three churches
from 12pm-3pm, Monday-Friday

MISSION APPEAL - PRELATURE OF ESQUEL (ARGENTINA - PATAGONIA)



Dear Parishioners of St. Brendan the Navigator Parish,
Next weekend – **July 15/16, 2023**– is a Mission Appeal weekend in your parish. This year I invite you to support the missionary work of Prelature of Esquel (Patagonia) in the country of our Pope Francis, Argentina. Without funds collected during Mission Appeal Prelature of Esquel cannot sustain its pastoral work, such as:

- evangelization activities
- children and youth catechetical programs
- lay ministry training
- help for the poor

Your Mission Cooperative Preachers will be **Rev. Mariusz Mazurkiewicz & Rev. Jacek Dembek** who help raise moneys that are much needed to build the Prelature of Esquel.

Your support during this time of struggle is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and contributions. Thank you for your generous support to help the Prelature of Esquel in Argentina. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Most Rev. Joseph Slaby
Bishop of Prelature of Esquel

MISSION FAIR AT ST. FRANCIS, JULY 8/9

This weekend at St. Francis, **July 8/9**, there will be a Mission Fair at St. Francis, exploring the many ministries at St. Francis. Learn how you can strengthen our parish community by putting your talents into action. Tables with information will be set up in the hall and on Sunday volunteers will be available to answer questions.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. —1 Corinthians 12:4-6



Youth of the parish recently volunteered at the St. Bernard Soup Kitchen!

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(Mass times may change and intentions may need to be rescheduled)
LS indicates Live Stream

Saturday, July 8, 2023 – Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Aurele & Lina LeBlanc by Diane Blood
4:00pm	OLGH	Fr. Anthanasius LS	Frances Fahey by Sarah Zurek
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Paul Luttrell by Daughters of St. Bernard

Sunday, July 9, 2023 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Pat Harnedy, Sr. by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore
8:30am	St. Francis	Fr. Divine	Living Intention for Mary Black by The Clarks
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Fr. Divine LS	Pro Populo
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Anthanasius	Nathan Grant Peaslee, Jr. by Takoda Peasley

**Monday
July 10** OLGH 6:30pm Fr. Anthanasius **LS** Maria and Arthur Mohr
by the family

**Tuesday
July 11** St. Bernard 8:00am Fr. Anthanasius Tessie Donnelly by
Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

**Wednesday
July 12** OLGH 8:00am Fr. Anthanasius Juanita Vautour
by Faith Vautour
St. Francis 6:30pm Fr. Divine Lionel & Ernestine Charette
by Ron, Janice & Emma Clark

**Thursday
July 13** St. Bernard 6:30pm Fr. Divine **LS** Mary Clifford
by Siobhan and Alex Gilmore

**Friday
July 14** St. Francis 8:00am Fr. Divine **LS** Living Intention for Peter
and Rosemarie Felt
by Elaine Witt

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm	St. Francis	Mission Appeal LS	Bernadine Marino by Penny Wolfe
4:00pm	OLGH	Mission Appeal	Pro Populo
6:00pm	St. Bernard	Mission Appeal	Matthw and Tim Orbin by Nikki Orbin

Sunday, July 16, 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine & Mission Appeal	Song-Ngo Nguyem by Teresa Le
8:30am	St. Francis	Mission Appeal	Aurele & Lina LeBlanc by Diane Blood
11:00am	Our Lady of Good Hope	Mission Appeal	Linda Gaines by The Brownawell family
11:00am	St. Bernard	Fr. Divine & LS Mission Appeal	James Peasley by Takoda Peasley

Summer Island Schedule of Masses

St. Mary Church, Islesboro: Saturdays, 9:00am

Union Church, Vinalhaven: Saturdays, 9:00am

North Haven: TBA

The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Bernard is being lit
this week for Dan Davey
by Vicky Davey

SOCCER ON SUNDAY JUNE 11TH AT 2:30PM

All youth of the parish and families: Super Soccer Sunday on **July 9th at True Park field in Hope at 2:30pm!** Bring a drink for yourself and a snack to share! Come join the FUN!! FMI: Carol Brownawell at 410-714-4549.



YOUTH GROUP WITH FATHER DIVINE

The Wednesday evening youth meetings have resumed after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis in Belfast. We will be continuing our discussion of *Christus Vivit!*



FAITH FORMATION

Families with any questions about Sacramental preparation or Faith Formation can reach me by phone, text, or email. Thank you very much and God bless,

Jennifer Parker
207-408-8591 ~ jennifer.parker@portlanddiocese.org



ON SUMMER BREAK!

The following parish groups will be on summer break—stay tuned in the Fall for resumption of meetings!

Our Lady of Good Hope Bible Study

Contact: Mary Smyth,
goodhopebiblestudy@gmail.com



That Man Is You

Contact: Joe Cammellieri, 975-4634 or
[email jccam@tidewater.net](mailto:jccam@tidewater.net).



Walking with Purpose

Contact: Janet Heath:
JMHeath66@gmail.com



CAMDEN FOOD PANTRY JULY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry will be collecting a new food item for the month of July. It will be peanut butter. Please place items in the bin in the entrance to Cote Hall at Our Lady of Good Hope in Camden. Thank you for your assistance in helping to feed the hungry in our area.



TRANSFIGURATION HERMITAGE BAKE SALE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, JULY 22/23

The sisters of Transfiguration Hermitage will be holding their bake sale, before and after the Masses at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Belfast on **July 22/23!** Come and buy their goodies—jams, cookies, breads, take-home entrees—and help support their lives of prayer for the needs of all people. To arrange a pre-order please call 207.445.8031 during business hours.



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

We provide support and understanding for people coping with serious or chronic illness and for their caregivers. We bring the Eucharist to the homebound and offer prayers for healing. Contact Gaby Wicklow, 207-236-0152 or the parish office: 207-236-4785.



CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE FOR ST. BRENDAN

Current (as of 6/30/23)	\$24,654
Goal:	\$77,339
Percentage reached:	31%

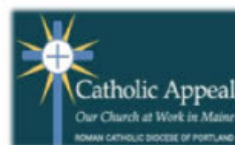
CATHOLIC APPEAL SPOTLIGHT ON:

Relief & Hope Services

"We can, first of all, help people reprioritize because they have a whole list of things, and they don't know what they're going to do next. So, we can talk with them and set priorities, but then, we can also direct them to other resources, so they can get back on their feet..." —Deacon Daggett



Relief & Hope Services seeks to partner with parishes around the state as well as community agencies. When calls come in, they are often directed to out-reach



coordinators who serve in different areas. In addition to Beckwith in Aroostook County, Edward French handles cases out of an office in Brewer, Bill Wood covers an area from Fryeburg to the Midcoast, and Deacon Daggett, assisted by Susan McGaulley and volunteer Julie Abbott, handles cases in southern Maine...



For the past 12 years, Relief & Hope Services, a division of Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry, has been helping people who find themselves in need of urgent assistance. In the past six months [as of May 2023], there have been 800 calls from people seeking help.

Donations to the Catholic Appeal may be made online at www.portlanddiocese.org/giving/make-gift, via QR-code on this page, or envelopes found in your pews. Thank you for your generosity!

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you." Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? contact Director of Vocations by Facebook: VocationsME, call (207)-773-6471 or email, vocations@portlanddiocese.org, or website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations.



Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world...
Our Lady of Fatima, 1917

ROCKLAND KNIGHTS

The Rockland Knights - Limerock Council 136 meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm in Grispi Hall, at St. Bernard's Church, Rockland. The Grand Knight for 2022-2023 is Kevin Bailey. You can contact Kevin by cell: 978-404-1594 or by email at info@kofc136.stbrendanparish.net. Website:

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/knight-of-columbus-rockland>



LOBSTER RAFFLE

Get yer bibs on! The Limerock Council of the Knights of Columbus will conduct a Lobster raffle to benefit Seminarians and Religious in Maine. There will be four chances to win a prize of 10 one-and-a-half pound lobsters delivered in the local area. Tickets will be sold at St. Bernard and Our Lady of Good Hope after Mass on the weekends of July 1/2, July 8/9 & July 15/16. The drawing will be held on July 20. Suggested donation is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for a book of six tickets. Thank you in advance for your support!



BELFAST KNIGHTS

Join fellow parishioners for the St. Francis Knights of Columbus World Famous **Breakfast after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday, July 16th!** The William S. Brannagan Council 3942 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month after the 6:30pm Mass at St. Francis church hall. New members are welcome, if interested Grand Knight Gary Boynton can be reached at ofccouncil3942@gmail.com or <https://www.kofc3942.org/>



KOFC 4TH DEGREE

MEETING UPDATE: Fifteen 4th Degree Knights gathered for the kick-off meeting at Our Lady of Good Hope on Monday, June 12th. A slate of candidates for the Officer election was prepared and distributed to Assembly members by email.



UPCOMING: Please mark your calendars for our next meeting at **Our Lady of Good Hope Monday July 10th at 7:00pm** to participate in the Officer election. Questions or additions to the candidate list can be submitted to Gregg Turley PGK 702-408-5996.

Knights Helping Neighbors:

The Knights of Columbus in Rockland and Belfast have a new program for members, widows of members, and parishioners of our parish. We will donate labor to help those that need help around their homes and are either physically or financially unable to do the work. This will be for smaller inside projects or yard projects.



To see if we can help, please contact the following Knights:

In Rockland: Liam Yung at 207-450-3915

In Belfast: Brian Beaulieu at 207-542-8967 or bbeaulieu@allenfg.com
Joseph Mathieu at 207-323-1436 or painterjo56@gmail.com

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https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html



The Thing About Dominion

In Genesis 1, God created man and woman in his image and then ... (28) God blessed them saying: "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, all the living things that move on the earth."

With a quick check of the dictionary, there are a few words here that give one pause:

- Subdue= overcome, quieten, or bring under control
- Dominion= sovereignty (supreme power or authority) or control



Hasn't mankind's tendency to interact with nature in this very way led us to the predicament that we are currently in? Hasn't our tendency to take, take, take from nature and consume for our own advantage, without limitations, gotten us into trouble? So what's the deal here?

In *Laudato Si'* (pp. 49- 51), Pope Francis unpacks where humanity has gone astray and, not surprisingly, it is when things get taken out of context and attention not paid to the fullness of the gospel of creation. He tells us that the creation accounts in the book of Genesis contain profound teachings and, when taken as a whole, "suggest three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships:

· with God · with our neighbor · and with the earth itself"

When the harmony between these three is broken, the resulting rupture is sin. The harmony is broken when man presumes to take the place of God (seeks to be as wise as him) and refuses to acknowledge our creaturely limitations. The mandate to "have dominion" over the earth becomes distorted and the original harmonious relationship between human being and nature becomes conflictual. Saint Francis of Assisi experienced this rupture and tried to heal it in his calling for harmony with all creatures.

"We are not God. The earth is here before us and has been given to us" not for absolute dominion but rather "to till and keep" the garden of the world (cf Gen 2:15). "Tilling" refers to cultivating, ploughing or working, while "keeping" means caring, protecting, overseeing and preserving. This implies a relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature. Each community can take from the bounty of the earth whatever its need for subsistence, but it also has the duty to protect the earth and ensure its fruitfulness for coming generations.

"The earth is the Lord's" (Ps21:1) ... He created it, it belongs to him ... thus God rejects every claim to absolute ownership. Misinterpretation of man's "dominion" over the earth has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature and other creatures. Our "ownership" of the land is really our wise stewardship of it for the time it is entrusted to us. We are mere "sojourners" (Lev 25:23), a person who resides in a place that is not primarily their own and who is dependent on the "good-will" of the community for their continued existence.

May we reflect on this enlightened view of dominion and ask God to help us be better sojourners and stewards of what he has entrusted to us during our time on earth.

The Laudato Si' Group encourages conversation, prayer, questions and ideas. Contact Dianne Smith dcjrsmith@hotmail.com or 207-322-4443, or any other members — Martha Block, Michael Cyr, Barbara Edmond, Elissa Koskela, or Tim Pritchard.

Faith Resources & Parish Life

RCIA: ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FEELING CALLED TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program is for those who are unbaptized and seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is also for:



- Baptized Catholics who need to receive the other sacraments of initiation—Confirmation and First Holy Communion.
- Other Christian denominations and faiths or those with no faith background at all who wish to explore becoming Catholic. Children over the age of 7.

If you know someone or you yourself are interested in learning more, please contact the parish office at 207-236-4785.

READINGS FOR WEEK OF JULY 9, 2023

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

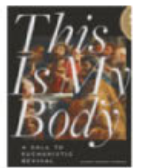


EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

<https://www.stbrendanparish.net/eucharistic-revival>

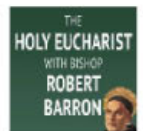


THANK YOU to the mystery parishioner who left a shelf-worth of Bishop Barron's *This Is My Body* books in the Eucharistic Revival area at St. Francis—obviously from a heart on fire who has been touched by the Eucharist! The Eucharistic Revival Team at our Parish is working on filling our Eucharistic Revival spaces. Soon we will be asking parishioners to let us know their Eucharistic experiences—stay tuned!



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- ♦ Go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) on a web browser
- ♦ Under “How would you like to sign up?” Choose “Sign up as a parishioner”
- ♦ Under “Create a New Account” in the box, put in zip code of “04843” and choose “St. Brendan the Navigator, Camden, ME”
- ♦ Enter your name and email and follow the prompts.

PARISH JOB OPENINGS

POSITION: PARISH BUSINESS COORDINATOR

St. Brendan the Navigator Parish is seeking a self-motivated, detailed-oriented, and well-organized leader with an accounting and administrative background, including supervising employees. Experience with Human Resources is helpful. Candidates should have excellent computer skills and budgeting experience. Experience with contract negotiations and property management is a plus. As a member of the core management team, the successful candidate will be a team player who possesses and demonstrates an appreciation of this position in ministry, excellent interpersonal communication skills, creativity and flexibility. Must be a practicing member in good standing of the Roman Catholic Church. This is a full-time position. Send applications or inquiries to karol.skoby@portlanddiocese.org.



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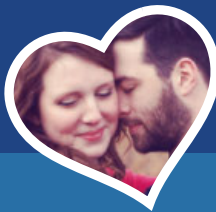
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Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:30am
Wed 6:30pm & Fri 8am

PASTORAL STAFF

Staff email addresses: firstname.lastname@portlanddiocese.org

Fr. Anthanasius Wirsy, Administrator
207-236-4785

Fr. Divine Esua Fossoh, Parochial Vicar
207-930-7044

Deacon Robert Cleveland

OFFICE

Address: 7 Union St. Camden, ME 04843

Phone: 207-236-4785 **Fax:** 207-236-9422

Office Hours: M,T & Th- 8:30am-3:30pm, Wed.- 8:30am - 12:30pm

Email: stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org

Belfast Rectory: 207-930-7044

Website: <http://www.stbrendanparish.net>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stbrendanparishmaine>

Parish email list: Contact Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

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PASTORAL LIFE & FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Jennifer M. Parker, Parish Catechetical Leader
Penelope Wolfe, Pastoral Life Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Karol Skoby, Business Coordinator
Austin Gallant, Office Manager
Paula Williamson, Safe Environment Coordinator
Michael Colson, Custodial
John Maas, Custodial
Rich Norman, Soup Kitchen Supervisor

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptism: If you are planning to have a child baptized please call the Parish Office, 207-236-4785, two months prior to the birth.

Marriage Preparation and Ceremony: All couples planning a wedding should contact the parish office at least one year prior to their planned wedding date so that the church or mission can be reserved and the necessary preparation can be discussed.

Anointing the Sick /Communion at home: If you know of a parishioner in need, please call the Parish Office, 236-4785.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Available during the half -hour before every weekend Mass or by appointment.

TO RECEIVE PARISH-WIDE EMAILS, send an e-mail with your name and church you attend most often to Penny Wolfe at penny.wolfe@portlanddiocese.org

TO ADD NAME TO PARISH PRAYER CHAIN send an email to stbrendan@portlanddiocese.org.

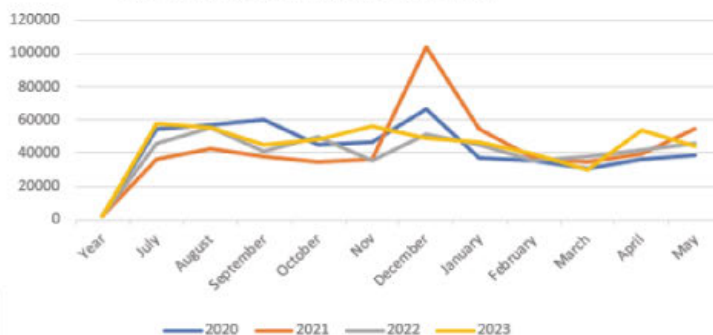
WEDDING BANNS

I. MacKenzie Moore & Kameron McGill



COLLECTION REPORT

Monthly Collections July 2019-May 2023



MONTHLY OFFERTORY: ACTUAL vs. BUDGETED

Actual	Actual	Budget	2023
May	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Budget
\$44,451	\$526,461	\$494,560	\$536,371

Online giving through WeShare

You may set that up by going to

<https://stbrendanparish.weshareonline.org/>



ST. BERNARD SOUP KITCHEN

For the week of June 19th we provided the following meals

M- 60 , T - 68 , W - 62 , T - 60 , F - 66

Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Thank you to Jim Gibson for his music on Wednesday.

Want to help? Rich Norman 691-6400

Soup Kitchen donations week thru 6/25/23: \$899.00

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR PARISH

BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENSES

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

OPERATING REVENUE

2024

Offertory and Donations	\$ 689,975
Interest and Dividends	60,684
Other	52,160
Transfers from Savings for Capital	
Improvements	39,000

\$ 841,819

OPERATING EXPENSE

General & Administrative	\$ 257,480
Facilities	164,506
Worship & Spirituality	270,119
Charity/OutReach	71,943
Faith Formation	38,771
Capital Improvements	39,000

\$ 841,819